

MINUTES

UTAH DIRECT ENTRY MIDWIFE BOARD

April 15, 2010

**Room 475 (fourth floor) –1:00 p.m.
Heber Wells Building
Salt Lake City, UT 84111**

CONVENED: 1:10 p.m.

ADJOURNED: 1:50 p.m.

Bureau Manager:
Secretary:

Laura Poe
Shirlene Kimball

Conducting:

Suzanne Smith, LDEM

Board Members Present:

Suzanne Smith, LDEM
Heather Johnston, LDEM
Krista Black, public member – by telephone

Board members excused:

Holly Richardson, LDEM

TOPICS FOR DISCUSSION

DECISIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS:

Approval of September 17, 2009 minutes:

The September 17, 2009 minutes were approved as written. All Board members in favor.

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

Environmental Scan:

Ms. Poe reported the LDEM statute was one of the chapters for the Division that did not have any changes during the last Legislative session. Ms. Smith stated most of the questions have been cleared up with the recent adoption of the rules. Ms. Smith stated that there are many LDEMs who were not happy with the changes and she has had several questions whether or not a midwife could voluntarily surrender the LDEM license, work as a non-licensed midwife, then request renewal or reinstatement of LDEM license at a later date. Ms. Poe stated the individual could surrender the license, which would be non-disciplinary, but it would be reported to the data bank. However, Ms. Poe indicated it would be unlawful conduct to give up a license and continue to practice within the LDEM scope of practice. To reinstate a license after a period

of two years would require a new application as would be required of someone seeking initial licensure.

Ms. Black questioned whether or not the federal changes to the health care system will have any impact on LDEMs. Ms. Smith indicated midwives probably will not be included on the reimbursable provider list and this may put them out of business. Ms. Black stated there will be some women who will want a choice.

Discussion regarding LDEM Report of Outcomes for July 1, 2008 through June 30, 2009:

The Report of Outcomes for July 1, 2008 through June 30, 2009 was reviewed. The report will be posted to the Division's web site. Ms. Poe indicated it will be forwarded to the Health and Human Services Interim Committee. Ms. Poe stated her only concern was regarding the poor outcome reported under newborn complications. Legislative Committee members or others reviewing the Outcome Report may question whether or not the complication was due to the delivery and the midwife was at fault. Board members indicated they do not feel the detail should be included in the report. Board members indicated it was reported to the Health Department, there was an investigation which did not find fault with the midwife and no disciplinary action was taken.

Open and Public Meeting Act Training:

Training was conducted by Ms. Poe.

Review Ethics Policy for Executive Branch Agencies:

Ms. Poe reviewed the Ethics Policy with Board members.

Next meeting:

The next meeting will be held October 21, 2010 at 3:00 p.m. Will place election of new chair on the agenda.

Note: These minutes are not intended to be a verbatim transcript but are intended to record the significant features of the business conducted in this meeting. Discussed items are not necessarily shown in the chronological order they occurred.

December 1, 2011
Date Approved

(ss) Suzanne Smith
Holly Richardson, Chair Direct Entry Midwife Board

December 1, 2011
Date Approved

(ss) Debra Hobbins, Bureau Manager
Laura Poe, Bureau Manager, Division of Occupational & Professional Licensing